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INVESTMENT BY NAFED IN NON-AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount invested by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) in non-agricultural activities during the last three years, Year-wise;

(b) the number of officers found guilty and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) the profit and loss earned from the investment made during the last three years, Yeear- wise;

(d) the loan taken by NAFED from Banks and other financial institutions during the said period, Year-wise; and

(e) the expenditure incurred by the NAFED on Minimum Support Price during the last three years, Year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(c): NAFED, being an autonomous body without any Government share holding, started Public Private Partnership (PPP) business with the approval of its Board, on commercial lines followed by other Public Sector Undertaking like STC,MMTC,PEC etd. NAFED arranged the funds from commercial borrowings and also utilized its own funds for this purpose. The total amount invested for non-agricultural activities during last three years and the profit and loss earned during the same period is as under:

Year	Amount Invested	Profit Earned
2003-04	171.11 crore	2.94 crore
2004-05	1483.93 crore	13.34 crore
2005-06	541.01 crore	18.50 crore

Due to certain omissions and commissions on the part of some officers in the implementation of PPP business, five such officials of NAFED have been charge-sheeted under Departmental Proceedings. Besides, a complaint has also been registered with CBI by NAFED for further investigation.

(d): The details of loan taken by NAFED from Bank & Other Financial Institutions during last three years:

Years	Loan for PSS Operation	Loan for Commercial Operation
2003-04	152.07	267.80
2004-05	428.06	1295.76
2005-06	3244.37	1400.33

(e): To meet out the losses (including expenditure) incurred to NAFED on implementation of Minimum Support Price operations for oilseeds and pulses, following amounts have been released to them by the Government, during last three years:

Year	Value (in Rs. Crore)
2003-04	120

2004-05	260
2005-06	260